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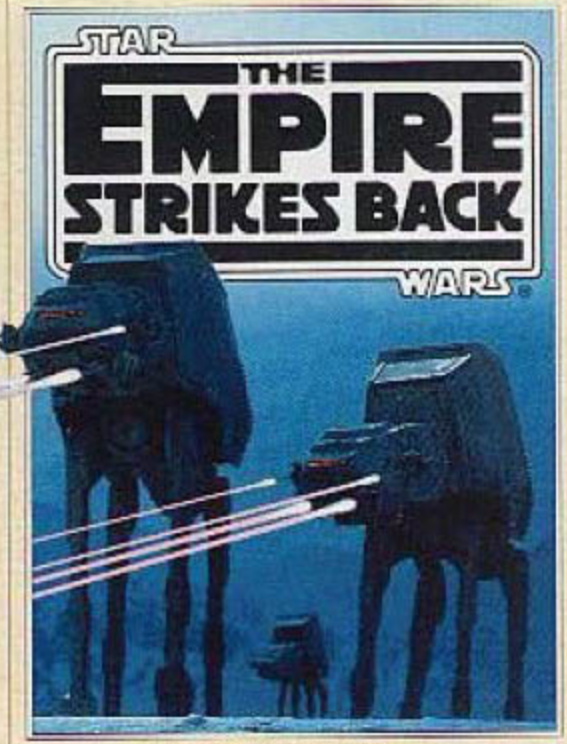

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EPISODE V THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK

It is a dark time for the Rebellion. Although the Death Star has been destroyed, Imperial troops have driven the Rebel forces from their hidden base and pursued them across the galaxy.

Evading the dreaded Imperial Starfleet, a group of freedom fighters led by Luke Skywalker has established a new secret base on the remote ice world of Hoth.

The evil lord Darth Vader, obsessed with finding young Skywalker, has dispatched thousands of remote probes into the far reaches of space...

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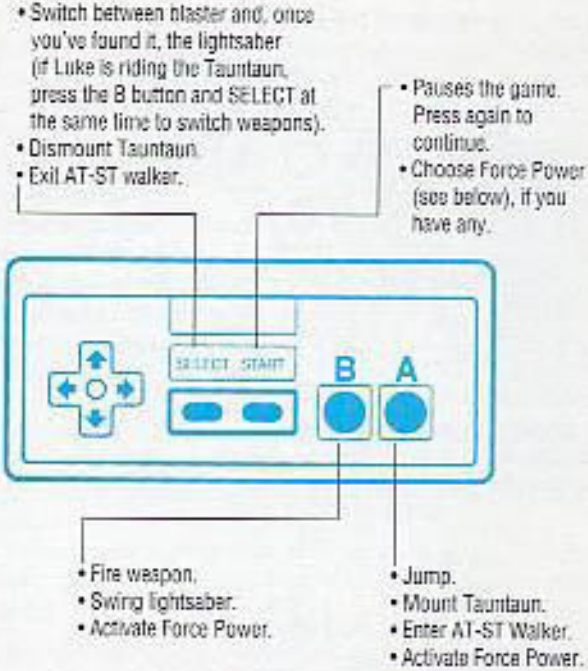
Getting Started

With your Nintendo Entertainment System turned off, insert your THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK Game Pak and then turn on your Control Deck. If you would like to skip the introductory sequences and begin play, press START.

You will first be directing Luke riding his Tauntaun through the ice fields of Hoth as he sets out to investigate the "meteor" that has landed nearby.

In the upper left-hand corner of the screen are the measures of your health and Force ability (when Luke is on the Tauntaun, the health meter shows the Tauntaun's health. If you dismount, the health meter will, instead, show Luke's health). If an enemy touches or shoots Luke, his health will

Press START to choose Force Power, if you have any.



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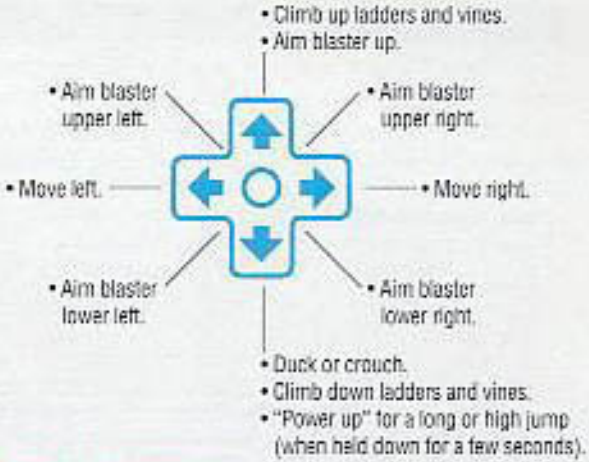
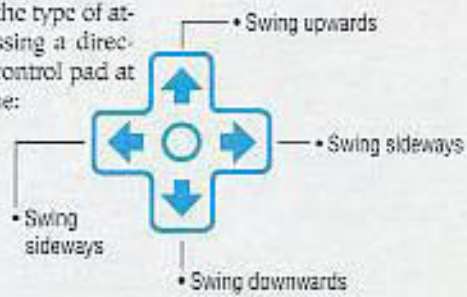


Lightsaber Controls

Press the B button to swing the lightsaber. You can change the type of attack by pressing a direction on the control pad at the same time:



diminish (he can collect more health by defeating enemies). Both Luke and the Tauntaun begin with their full capacity of health, but you will have to find and collect Force power-ups in order to replenish your Force ability.

Number of Players: THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK is a one player game.

Game Over: The game is over whenever you use up all of your continues.

Continue Yes: The game starts again from the beginning of the level that you were in.

You keep your force ability level, all of your force powers and, if you already found it, the lightsaber.

Continue No: The game will end and the title screen will appear.

There are a limited number of continues available. When all of your continues have been used, the GAME OVER screen will appear.

Controls

In THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK, you will be controlling Luke Skywalker in his efforts to rescue his friends from the Empire. At times, you may ride Luke's Tauntaun, or pilot a snowspeeder, AT-ST walker, or X-wing fighter.

Please read about all of the player controls to understand how to direct Luke, his Force powers, and the vehicles.

Force Powers

Throughout the course of the game, you will occasionally find icons for various Force Powers, which can enhance Luke's abilities and weapons. When you are directing Luke on foot or on the Tauntaun, pressing the START button will allow you to choose from amongst your available Force Powers. Some of the available Force Powers are:

Jump higher or farther than normal.

Run faster than normal.

Reflect your enemies' shots.

Enhance the power of your lightsaber.

Enhance the power of your blaster.

Levitate.

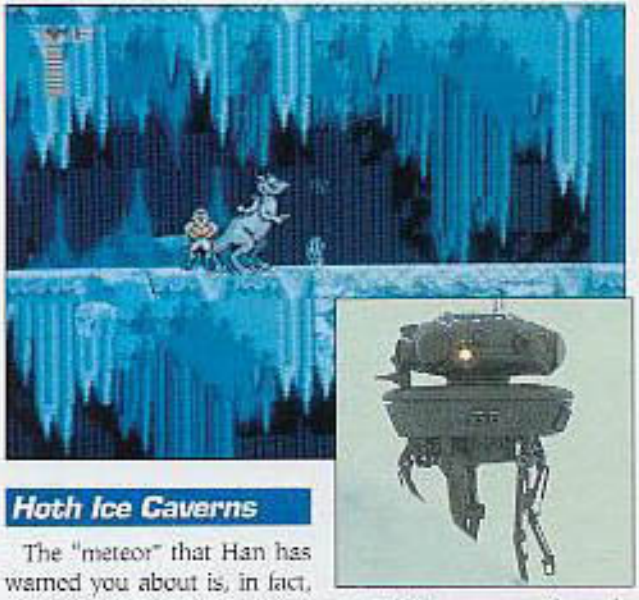
Convert Force Ability to health.

To select a Force Power, press the START button, then use the control pad to toggle between the Powers. Press either the A or B button to "turn on" the Power. If you change your mind and want to cancel, press the START button again.

Remember that, in order to use the Force Powers, you must keep your Force Ability charged.

You cannot make use of your Force Powers when:

- You are riding the Tauntaun.
- You are battling the AT-AT walkers.
- You are aboard the AT-ST walker at the Rebel base.
- You are piloting Luke's X-wing fighter.



Hoth Ice Caverns

The "meteor" that Han has warned you about is, in fact, an Imperial Probe Droid...you must fight your way through the ice caverns of Hoth in order to find and destroy it. Along the way, you will encounter Wampas and probe droids.

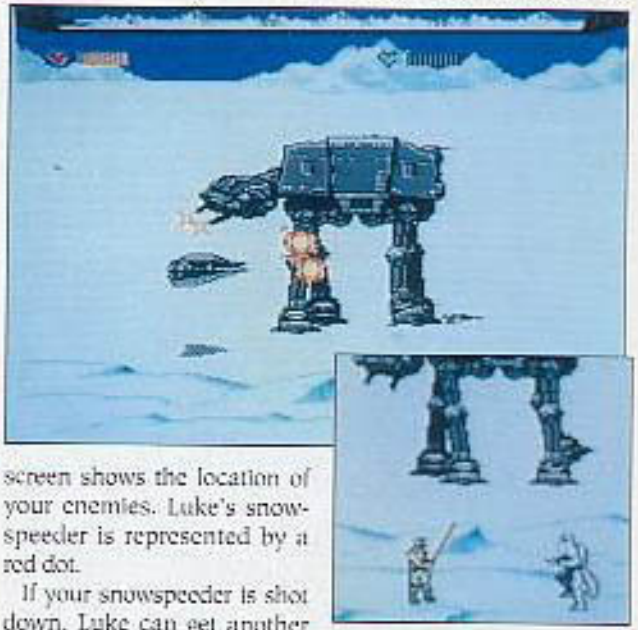
You can replenish your health and Force Ability by finding first aid kits and Force power-ups.

Your Tauntaun can replenish its health by eating the moss found in the Ice Caverns.

And, of course, you can enhance your Force Powers by picking up Force Power icons.

AT-AT Walkers

Pilot your snowspeeder across the ice fields and engage AT-AT Walkers and stormtroopers in order to give the Rebel forces time enough to retreat. The map at the top of the



screen shows the location of your enemies. Luke's snowspeeder is represented by a red dot.

If your snowspeeder is shot down, Luke can get another by running back to the rebel base, or defeating a sufficient number of stormtroopers. Otherwise, he will have to engage the stormtroopers and the remaining AT-AT Walkers on foot.

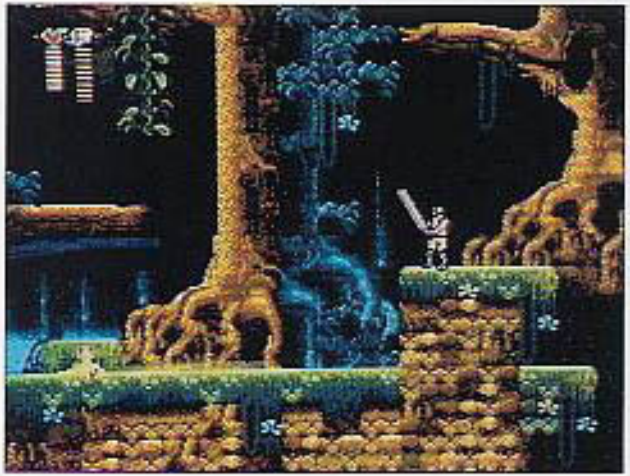
Evacuation of Echo Base

Imperial Stormtroopers have entered the Rebel base and the order to evacuate has been given. Fight your way past stormtroopers and more probe droids...and meet a new enemy: the AT-ST walker.

With a little luck, you might be able to board an abandoned or disabled AT-ST and turn it against the Imperial forces. Be quick, or your opportunity to use the AT-ST will disappear.

Dagobah

Follow Obi-Wan's advice and seek out Yoda. You'll have to avoid or fight your way past underslugs, holgnots, vine-snakes, spiders, elephant slugs, dagbats, exploding mushrooms, and praying mantis.



Jedi Training

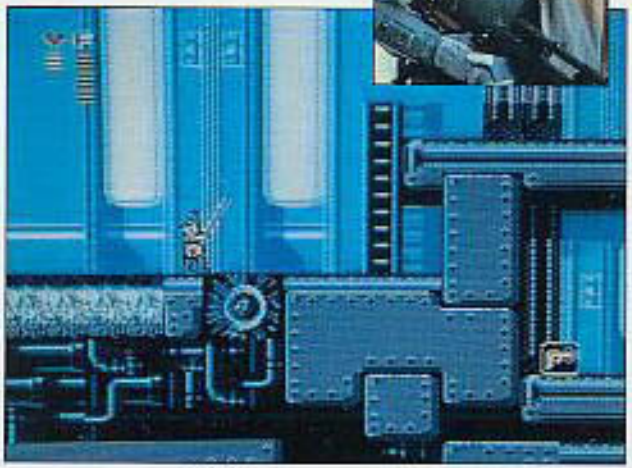
Yoda has accepted you as a Jedi Knight-in-training. Follow his instructions...In the end, you must confront and conquer Luke's own fears.

Bespin

You have learned through the Force that your friends are in grave danger. In your X-wing, you make your way to Bespin. Before you can enter Cloud City, you will have to engage and destroy the cloud cars and TIE fighters.

Cloud City

To rescue your friends, you must fight your way through the corridors of Cloud City. You will encounter Bespin guards, bounty hunters, cannon walkers, and Boba Fett.



Pursuit of Boba Fett

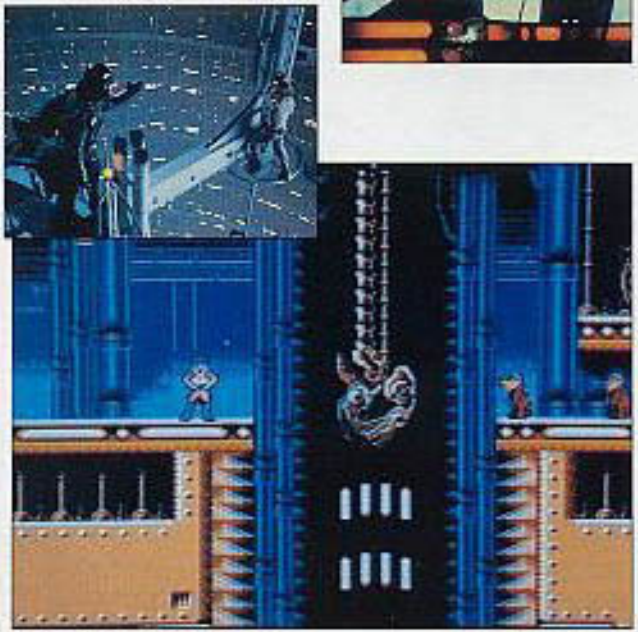
Han has been taken prisoner by his old adversary, Boba Fett. To rescue Han, you must defeat Boba Fett's ship, the *SLAVE I*.

Return to Cloud City

Luke returns to Cloud City to rescue Princess Leia.

Darth Vader

You must find and confront Darth Vader, the Dark Lord of the Sith. This final battle will not be easy; don't give in to the temptations of the dark side of the Force.



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How to Identify and Resolve Radio-TV Interference Problems

This booklet is available from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D 20402, Stock No. 004-000-00345-4.

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